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Dear Chief Judge Preska:

As the Court may recall, the parties have been negotiating a resolution of this case that will take into account the Defendant's medical condition. We intend to report to the Court at the conference set for 3:30 pm on Monday. As Mr. Bitar's doctors have advised that he not travel, however, we request that his appearance be waived for this proceeding. The government does not object to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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